

Charter Review Group Vows to Finish Work

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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT . . . Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (right) presents a Junior Achievement Week proclamation to William K. Davis, 17-year-old senior at North High School. Davis accepted the scroll on behalf of the 500 teenage Junior Achievers in the Centinela Valley district. JA Week, celebrated nationally Jan. 26 through Feb. 1, will be climaxed by open house activities at the Junior Achievement Business Centers. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Goodman, is treasurer of Tyraco, a JA company counseled by United Air Lines, and chairman of the Centinela Valley Achievers Association. The public is invited to view the Junior Achievement companies in action at the JA Business Center, 14234 S. Prairie Avenue in Hawthorne, Monday through Thursday evenings during JA Week.

First Hearing Slated Tonight for City Aide

Charter Review Will Continue, Committee Says

It's like a scene from a horror movie. A group of mad scientists (Torrance City Councilmen) create a monster (Charter Review Committee) which not only refuses to die upon command, but sets out on a rampaging course at odds with the will of its creators.

After nearly two years of volunteer work revising the city's charter, the Charter Review Committee isn't about to consider itself dissolved — no matter how much the City Council may disapprove of its recommendations.

In a letter to the council's charter review subcommittee, the Charter Review Committee said it may not have official sanction, but — like the monster — it intends to live.

LAST NOV. 19 councilmen voted 4-3 to dissolve the Charter Review Committee, ordering the group to present its final report Dec. 31, 1968. Charter Review Committee Chairman Larry Bowman retorted that the committee could not possibly have its final draft ready by that date, and asked for an extension. The extension was not granted.

Now Bowman's committee has declared its intention to continue meeting on an unofficial basis in private homes and offices. Bowman says they'll meet about once a month and take a year or more to finish up their recommendations.

In the letter to the council subcommittee, the committee deemed the council's action "hastily and surprisingly wrought."

"REGARDLESS of one's reac-

tion to the tentative draft proposed by this committee," the letter says, "it seems obvious that the only reason for the withdrawal of official support for its work was the unpopularity in some quarters of the ideas put forward."

The letter was signed by Bowman, William W. Poser, Betty Barnes, Leonard F. Kane, Jack Lamont, Lorne E. O'Brien, Louise Radcliffe, Vern A. Smith, and Stanley H. Yanase. Only member not signing the letter

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Electric Jolt Kills Laborer

A freak accident took the life of a Redondo Beach laborer Wednesday as he was working atop a 50-foot water tower in the 500 block of Paseo de Estrellas.

Police said Hilding Reynold Green, 58, of 203 New High Court, was raising a 21-foot section of pipe by rope when the accident occurred at 12:50 p.m. As Green took hold of the pipe, the other end of the pipe apparently touched a 2,400-volt high tension power line.

A witness, Donald R. Mooney, 2318 Grant St., Redondo Beach, told police he saw the victim fall from the tower. Green was pronounced dead at South Bay Hospital.

Doctors said Green had burns on his left palm and right forearm.



ACCEPTS AWARD . . . George Swade (right), athletic director at Bishop Montgomery High School, accepts the Torrance Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award after being named Young Man of the Year last night. The presentation was made by Jon Brubaker, awards chairman for the Jaycees. Events took place during the annual Bosses' Night dinner sponsored by local Jaycees. (Press-Herald Photo)

Outstanding Service

Jaycees Honor Football Coach

George Swade, athletic director and varsity football coach at Bishop Montgomery High School, was named last night to receive the Torrance Jaycees Distinguished Service Award for 1968.

Presentation of the award was made at the Jaycees' annual Bosses' Night dinner.

Swade, as the winner of the local award, will be entered in state and national competition which will end with the selection of America's Ten Outstanding Young Men by the U.S. Jaycees.

THE DISTINGUISHED Service Award annually goes to a man between 21 and 35 who gives the most meritorious service to his family, church, community, and nation.

Swade, a Torrance resident, was honored for his efforts in building the athletic program at Bishop Montgomery High School and for his leadership in organizing the Lion's All-Star Football Game here — a game which has netted some \$12,000 for charities in the local area.

A member and past president of the West Torrance Lions' Club, Swade also was cited for his work as a youth counselor and for his contributions to Little League baseball and Pop Warner football in Torrance.

SWADE AND his wife, Judy, are the parents of six children: Sandra, Patti, Rosemary, Cheryl, George Jr., and Rodney.

A graduate of Cal Poly-Pomona, he is now completing work for a master's degree at

California State College at Los Angeles. Swade is a member of the American Football Coaches Association and the South Bay Athletic Club.

Armed Robbers Strike Six Times

Gunmen struck in six separate places in the city, escaping with nearly \$1,500.

Latest in the series of robberies occurred just before 10 p.m. Thursday when a single man walked into a market at 21210 Anza Ave. and took almost \$200 at gunpoint.

The suspect was described as slender and about 25 years of age. He wore a black leather jacket.

EARLIER Thursday, a man in his mid-20s took \$691 from a market at 2333 Cabrillo Ave.

Police said the man entered the market about 5:50 p.m. and held a clerk and five other persons at bay. The suspect wore a hooded sweatshirt and had a mustache.

A dark, bushy eyed man wearing a lavender, hooded sweatshirt escaped with \$85 Tuesday from Lan's Liquor, 23421 Western Ave. Clerk on duty at the store said the young man entered the store about 7:40 p.m. and demanded the money at gunpoint.

Two men in their early 20s, both totting guns, held up the 7-11 Market at 20110 Anza Ave., late

Tuesday night, relieving the attendant of \$366.63 from the cash register.

ONE OF THE suspects wore a blue sports jacket, a dress shirt, and gray checked pants. The other had on a light green turtle-neck sweater with an orange ring around the top.

Wednesday, a knife-wielding suspect forced a bar waitress to hand over \$199 cash from the office desk drawer. The incident occurred at a tavern at 3101 W. 190th St. about 10 a.m.

THE WAITRESS told police the suspect had a mustache and wore a gray and black sweater. He appeared relaxed and confident throughout the holdup, she told police.

Also hit was Anchor Liquor 23804 Crenshaw Blvd. Owner Tom Papadakis told police a pock-marked man wearing a gray raincoat entered the store about 5 p.m. and pulled out a gun after ordering a pack of cigarettes.

The suspect pocketed \$200, then forced Papadakis and a witness to lie on the floor behind the counter.

Continued Growth Predicted for City

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Press-Herald City Editor

Continued growth and prosperity for Torrance was forecast Thursday afternoon by a panel of business leaders who took part in the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce's annual "Outlook" program.

Virtually all areas of the city's economy will experience some growth during the year, guests at the Chamber luncheon were told. And despite the current credit squeeze, money will continue to be available for "sound business purposes."

Speakers included Don Baker,

general manager of Bullock's Fashion Square; Jack Heidt, regional vice president of Union Bank; R. A. Watt, president of the R. A. Watt Co.; Jack Teske, AllResearch Manufacturing Co.; and Edward J. Ferraro, city manager.

MODERATOR for the panel discussion was Brian J. K. Bell, member relations chairman of the Chamber.

Baker, noting the Fashion Square complex here experienced a 26 per cent increase in sales last year, said he expects a similar increase in 1969. He also told the group Bullock's had expected to take about five years to reach a "break-even point" here, but that after two years the firm was "very pleased."

Major expansion of the Fashion Square complex — with the addition of some 1,000,000 square feet of space — is anticipated in the coming years.

HEIDT, discussing the general situation in local, national and international financial circles, said interest rates will probably continue to climb, but added that money will be available for what he called "sound business purposes."

Especially important, Heidt said, will be a "bank run-off" which will keep interest rates high and provide very few funds for speculative borrowing.

Heidt said, however, that he does not expect the credit squeeze this year to be as severe as the "credit crunch" of 1968.

WATT, recently named Builder of the Year at a national industry convention, said he was not as optimistic about the national construction picture as some of his colleagues. But, he added, building will continue to grow in the Torrance area.

The famed home builder said the scarcity of land — he said he recently paid \$48,000 per acre for residential building sites in the city — will force the city to take a new look at zoning.

"The city has got to go up," Watt said. And, he added, "I ex-

pect substantial growth in this area as soon as the financial problems are solved."

TESKE, employed by the city's largest employer, said the aerospace industry will continue to grow — although the 10 per cent per year figure of the past three years is unlikely.

Biggest growth, Teske said, will come in the commercial aerospace area. Sales are expected to remain about the same during 1969, but a settlement of the Vietnam War will see a

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Rainfall Exceeds 12 Inches

A new subtropical Pacific storm which hit the Southland yesterday dumped 1.30 inches of rain on Torrance last night, bringing to 12.07 inches the season total.

Rainfall measured at the Torrance Municipal Airport showed the 1.30 inches fell during a 17-hour period between 3:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 o'clock this morning.

A total of 7.24 inches of rain has been recorded here since last Saturday afternoon.

THE RAINS continued to create problems throughout the city, although no major incidents were reported. Streets in the southeast area are flooded — but most are passable, while some key intersections in the north are flooded.

Police officials said Madrona Avenue is closed between Sepulveda Boulevard and Monterey Street. Most other streets, however, remained open this morning.

The storm is expected to continue at least through Saturday, with intermittent light rain and heavy gusts of wind. Heavy rains are expected at times.



CONTEST UNDERWAY . . . Art students Steve Merritt and Juli Tatkiwicz consider the possibility of submitting entries to the bookplate design contest currently being sponsored by the Torrance Library Commission and the Torrance Recreation Department. Looking over a contest entry blank with Steve is Erika Muhl (left), fine arts supervisor with the Recreation Department, Mary Simons (right) of the Torrance City Library is shown glancing over a contest poster with Juli. The contest is open to all area high school students. Entry deadline is Feb. 28. (Press-Herald Photo)